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REPORT OF A MEETING OF HATERS OF COMMUNISTS, JEWS AND NEGROES

On the evening of June 21, 1956, this reporter attended a meeting of haters of Communists, Jews and Negroes at the Slovak-School Hall, 358 Morris Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. For about 45 minutes prior to the start of the meeting at 8:45 p.m., records of patriotic march music were continuously played over the public address system in the hall. On the stage was the American flag. At the rear of the hall, one-dollar admission tickets were being sold. There were two tables piled with stacks of literature for sale except for a few free pieces, sold by two women with lapel pins of red, white and blue ribbon. Most of the literature was published by Common Sense of Union, New Jersey, and written by the main speaker, Reverend Kenneth Coff. The publishers of other literature for sale there included the National Renaissance Party, 10 West 90th St., New York 24, N. Y., the Christian Educational Association, 530 Chestnut Street, Union, New Jersey, and Williams Publications, Box 856, Santa Ana, California, and a mimeographed piece titled, "Who Are the Rulers of Russia?" by Alexey Jermolov, P.O. Box 947, Union, New Jersey. Each person entering the hall was given an envelope containing two issues of "Common Sense" and a subscription blank to this newspaper. The literature exhibited at the time Jews is attached. There was also a piece attacking Negroes by way of an attack on Father Divine.

As for the people in attendance, there was a total of about 70, about evenly divided between men and women. Most of the men were neatly dressed in business suits, white shirts and ties and would never be recognized in appearance as anti-Semites. The group also included a technical sergeant from the Marine Corps, an Oriental in his 20's, and a young German man in his 30's who was particularly outspoken in his hatred of Jews during the after-the-meeting conversation. He was short in height, medium build, tan-complexioned, and had brown hair combed straight back. About 4 were in their 20's and 3 in their 60's.

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Mr. Howard Case of Montclair. It began with the singing of the National Anthem. Mr. Case emphasized that the members of this group do not believe in God, therefore, all should stand for a few moments of silent prayer to God to save the United States from threatened destruction from within. After the prayer, Case added that our nation won't be destroyed from without. The enemy is successfully sucking patriotic Americans into front groups, he added.

Chairman Case then introduced the main speaker, Kenneth Coff, as an ex-top Communist Party organizer. Coff made a very impressive appearance in his neat dress, well-groomed appearance topped off with a white Western hat, and leather-bound Bible, and an artificial leg. He seemed to pose as a Protestant minister.

The following is a summary of Coff's talk: Christian civilization is about to die. One third of the world has already fallen into control of the atheistic doctrines of communism. Peace cannot be achieved either through the United Nations or through any number of conferences with Russia. Russia has not changed regardless of the anti-Stalin campaign. Every anti-Christian as well as every communist is equally responsible with Stalin for his crimes. Only if the Prince of Peace predominates in the hearts of men can there be peace.

The communists are still very effectively carrying on open spy activities against the United States. By spending \$5000 and subscribing to newspapers within the immediate vicinity of every military base in this country, the Russian embassy is able to keep informed about our military strength and activities.

Letting Russian farmers visit the United States and letting them tour General Motors was actually letting in NKVD agents to spy and check up on Communist Party operations in this country. The United Nations has constituted an avenue for Russian spies to enter this country.

Reverend Coffi recounted in vivid detail some of the worst atrocities perpetrated in the Soviet Union. The best evidence that the Russian leadership has not changed is that they are still holding 400 American soldiers in their prison camps, and will not permit free elections in East Germany. No U. S. officials should dine or dine in Russia until all of these American prisoners are released.

Coffi stated the number of thousands of Americans who would be wiped ~~out~~ in case of an attack by the Soviet Union on the United States, but added smugly, "I doubt if they would bother to drop any bombs on New York City." In response, the audience laughed. This was his primary anti-Semitic remark of his talk.

The communists are currently effectively brain-washing our country. They are doing this by means of getting so many doctors about psychology and psychiatry on television, and by getting the religion of psychology into every school. This psychology has taken away from our school youth the freedom to think, and instead is holding their thinking in favor of socialism and internationalism, which holds that it is wrong to love your own country most of all. This brain-washing is teaching that to be very religious is to be insane. Even the National Council of Churches of Christ in America has fallen prey to this brainwashing, because it is now providing a psychiatrist for even the smallest meetings of the Council to help the ministers with their problems. Coffi made it clear that he is against UNESCO. He cited the Alaskan mental health bill, number 6376 as being part of this plot to establish a Siberia of the United States. Efforts to get fluorine into drinking water is part of this international conspiracy because fluorine has the effect of calming the mind. Having to vote for whom "they" want you to is another part of this plot. Fighters against communism like Lucille Miller have been punished. Doctrines like the "Fatherhood of God, Brotherhood of Man," "all of One Blood," "One God," and "One World" are all ~~signs~~ of this brain-washing campaign. He gave the illustration of seeing on the bus Negro girls with dyed hair choose to sit down and flirt with white boys instead of Negro boys. This kind of thing which attacks the status quo threatens to destroy white, Christian civilization. Most of the blame for all this lies at the feet of pink-pinked clergy and school teachers.

After Coffi's speech, Mr. Cass asserted that he had knowledge that on the county committees of both the Democratic and Republican parties in Newark, Irvington, East Orange and Montclair are members of the Communist Party. He urged his listeners to get out and vote ~~for~~ for an American. He then introduced Anna B. Cummings of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Cummings expressed her disappointment at the comparatively small size of the audience. She said the time has come for action instead of just speeches. She gave the following names and addresses of the groups in New ~~Jersey~~ Jersey, New York, and Connecticut with which the audience should become affiliated and active:

New Jersey Conservative Party

c/o Mr. Cohen Graham, on the Board of Governors of For America

100 Linden Avenue OK 7-4099

Jersey City, N. J.

of Oliver Feigelhook, State Chairman
Bayville, N. J.

Independent Republican Committee
c/o Andrew L. LeCroix, State Chairman
Route 1
Bridgeport, Conn.
or Nelson A. Parker
(address not given)

Independents of New York
299 Madison Ave.
New York, N. Y.
c/o Daniel Sauer

She added that she is going to a meeting next Thursday night at which they are going to organize a similar group in Eastern Pennsylvania. Vivian Kellen is going to run for the Senate in Connecticut, she added. She particularly urged her audience to subscribe to "The Freeman Speak" whose editor is Kent Courtney, P. O. Box 4166, New Orleans 18, Louisiana, and especially to read the May-June issue which describes how they intend to influence the decision of the electoral college in the coming presidential election.

Mrs. Cummings referred to several people present. She mentioned and praised Conley McKinley as present. She mentioned John Striden as her advisor on the Alaskan mental health bill. William O'Brien was on the platform and is in charge of securing volunteers for this campaign. She thanked Mr. "Freidman" for having printed an article favorable to the movement in his paper. She referred to Lucille Miller as the person who called a Judge a Jew-lover.

She expressed her strong opposition to a couple bills pending in Congress and to NATO. She described the Alaskan bill as giving Alaskans the power to pick up any United States citizen and send them to the Alaskan hospital. The free tariff bill will flood the United States with slave-labor goods. NATO is a big step toward world government.

Chairman Cass resumed the chair and asserted that Russia is not as strong as the commentators are saying, for if she were she would drop the iron curtain and let us see her strength. He announced there would be no question and answer period, that questions could be asked over tea and cake afterward. He then introduced William O'Brien as the organizer of the group.

Mr. O'Brien said that the organization is 10 years old. He reported they had distributed 6000 circulars including to churches and had an ad in the paper in an effort to get a good turn-out to this meeting. He said the home of "Common Sense" is 290 Chestnut Street, and that they would be glad to provide free any number of copies of this newspaper. They will provide free of charge a speaker for any nice meeting, including house meetings. Mr. Coff will be touring the eastern seaboard in October and is available for speaking dates. He urged the audience to subscribe to "Common Sense" and to be a volunteer worker for the organization.

The chairman ended the meeting by urging everyone to pray for America and to write their Congressmen. He lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. After the meeting his further talk with Mrs. Gaudings revealed that each of these state groups are originally for the American Communist Party, but with the common goal of First, second and third class citizenship for all Americans. The groups are the CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY, and some group for Neathur for president. The sign at the back of the hall read "Anti-Communist Volunteer Corps of Common Sense."

It was during this after-the-meeting conversation that this reporter overheard the anti-Jewish, anti-S'nei Brith, anti-Negro sentiments of several of those present. He heard Goff saying how much he hated to ride on the Pennsylvania Railroad because no matter where he sat he would be sitting next to a Negro. Goff explained the lack of civilian defense effort on the east coast as indicating agreement that even Washington realizes that in the event of attack, the Atlantic Coast, having so many Jews, would automatically side with the enemy. He overheard a middle-aged woman, who was a member of the Women's Army Corps, Education and Information Service, bemoan the control that Jews exercise over the Army. He heard the young German immigrant, described earlier, tell tales of discrimination by Jews against him, in a loud, excited voice. Upon leaving someone handed this reporter the attached packet tied with black issue of "Common Sense" which contained George W. A. Armstrong's "Our Constitution," and "Third Zionist War."

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